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## THE COVER

Throughout Mississippi 1959 has meant open houses, formal dedications and enthusiastic citizens as 13 new libraries have been opened. 103,373 Mississippi men, women and children now have library service in their counties for the first time. For more details read "Baker's Dozen" on page 93.

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## It's News to Me—

Miss Eleanor Harkins, Delta State College, attended the Executive Board Meeting of SELA in Atlanta, March 6-7, as chairman of the Membership Committee. She also attended the AAUW convention in Natchez, April 24-25, and interpreted "Librarianship as a career" at Career Day, Charleston, Miss., High School, April 17.

A portrait of Beulah Culbertson, retired MSCW librarian, by Karl Wolfe, Jackson artist is a project of the M.S.C.W. Alumnae Association.

Virginia C. Robinson and Beulah Culbertson attended the Southern Literary Festival at Mississippi Southern College, Hattiesburg.

Mrs. Etta E. Pace and Dr. W. O. Mishoff, M.S.C.W., attended the Delta Council, Cleveland, on May fourteenth, where Dr. Werner von Braun was one of the speakers.

Mrs. Hazel Gredinger, Serials librarian MSCW, will be the librarian at the Blue Ridge Assembly, Black Mountain, N. C. during the summer session.

Mrs. Eunice Weaver, assistant librarian, will spend the summer collecting material for her book, "Legends of Mississippi."

Alan Skelton, Waterways Experiment Station, Vicksburg, is incoming chairman of the La. chapter of Special Libraries Assn.

The first edition of Who's Who in American Women, published by A. N. Marquis, lists fourteen Mississippi librarians. They are: Lura G. Currier, Julia B. Starnes, E. Louise Williams, Mary E. Love, Pearl Sneed, Jackson; Anona V. Jenkins, Clarksdale; Eleanor Harkins, Cleveland; Beulah Culbertson, Virginia C. Robinson, Columbus; Anna M. Roberts, Hattiesburg; Nell Davis, Laurel; Jeanne D. Broach, Meridian; Dorothea B. Morse, Oxford; Annabelle Koonce Crowther, Vicksburg.

Marie S. Boyce, Chamberlain - Hunt Academy, Port Gibson, will take Library Science at Peabody this summer.

The 1959 high school annual was dedicated at Long Beach to Mrs. Elizabeth S. Fletcher, Librarian.

Benard Strong, Utica, mended 520 books this year. For this work Benard received

one of the first official SLAM pins from his librarian, Mrs. W. H. Greer.

Hazel Polk, formerly librarian at Forest Hill and Chairman of District V, is now librarian at Heidelberg.

Susie Bull, librarian at Stephen D. Lee High School, Columbus, collaborated with Mrs. Frank Wells, librarian of Public Library in Columbus to help the Seniors with term papers this spring.

Mrs. Thomas Cascio, nee Nell Timmer, an Elementary Field Librarian in Jackson, will replace Miss Reynolds as Leland High School Librarian.

Mrs. Fred Jordan who has been working as Corinth Librarian since September 1, has resigned to join her husband at Amarillo, Texas. Diane Strickland, MSCW Junior, will work in the Corinth Library this summer.

Miss Bettie Galyean, Secretary, Northeast Regional Library has been named "Girl of the year" by the local chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority; she will enter the state contest. Mrs. Augusta Richardson is new president of the Pilot Club of Corinth.

Miss Emile Clemens, assistant librarian of the Ada Sessions Fant Memorial Library is on leave and Mrs. Nell Hansen is taking her place.

Mrs. Fay L. McLean is acting librarian at Shelby Memorial Library.

Mrs. Lola Kell, Jackson County-Pascagoula City Librarian, had a "wonderful" ten-day trip to Port of Spain, Trinidad, Puerto Rico; St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands; and Montego Bay, Jamaica, where her son Bob was married to Joan Huggins of Montego Bay.

First library positions announced by some of the MSCW class of 1959 are: Donna Whitten, Greenville — assistant reference librarian, University of Miss.; Betty Whisenant, Tupelo; Joan Robison, Hernando; Pauline Livaudais, Pascagoula — Memphis Public Library; Lynn Hughes, Warren, Arkansas — Brand Elementary School, Columbus; Grace Green, Amory — Red Bay, Alabama high school; Marilyn Simmons, McCall Creek — graduate work at Florida State University.



Miss Blanche McKeown

## Blanche McKeown Heads Editorial Board

Miss Blanche Brown McKeown, librarian, Livingston Park Branch Library, Jackson has assumed the duties of chairman of the editorial board of the Mississippi Library

### M.L.A.

#### News.

She replaces Miss Alice Hamer who accepted a position with World Book Co. with offices in Chicago.

Miss McKeown was born in Leland and received her education in the Clarksdale High School, Mississippi State College for Women, and the University of Illinois. She has done summer work at Peabody College.

Before accepting her position as librarian in Jackson, Miss McKeown was librarian in several Mississippi high schools and at the Memphis Public Library.

## Miss. Library Association Scholarship Fund

The financial report of the Mississippi Library Association Scholarship Fund, January 1 - May 5, 1959, is presented below:

Balance brought forward from 1958	\$398.39
Receipts from Contributions January 1 - May 5, 1959	\$ 29.00
Total 1959 Receipts	\$ 29.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$427.39</b>
Expenditures:	
Miss Linda Lancaster (Final 1958 Scholarship Payment)	\$100.00
Total 1959 Expenditures	\$100.00
<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR 1959 SCHOLARSHIP</b>	<b>\$327.39</b>

In commenting on this report, Treasurer Alan Skelton said, "Year after next is going to be rough!" President Jeanne Broach comments, "The enthusiasm of the members of the Association over the idea of giving a scholarship indicated that it would not be difficult to raise the money to do so each year. When the membership realizes that \$300 of the total \$627.39 which has been collected during the two years the scholarship has been in existence, was given by only two donors, it will be obvious that the rest of the membership will have to do better than \$327.39 each two years if the scholarship is to be continued on an annual basis."

You can never have a greater or less dominion than that over yourself.  
—Leonardo da Vinci

Wood burns because it has the proper stuff in it, and a man becomes famous because he has the proper stuff in him.  
—Goethe

## 1959 Miss. Library Ass'n Committees

### ADULT EDUCATION

**Adult Education:** Miss Anona Jenkins, Chm., Carnegie Public Library, Clarksdale; Mrs. C. C. Clark, Mississippi Library Commission, Jackson; Miss Christine Drake, University Extension, University; Miss Frances French, Jackson Municipal Library, Jackson; Miss Kathryn T. Hanley, Veterans' Hospital, Gulfport.

### AWARDS

**Awards:** Miss Mary Stella Ward, Chm., Fisk Public Library, Natchez; Mrs. Ibert Fletcher, Long Beach High School Library, Long Beach; Dr. Sykes Hartin, University of Mississippi Library, University.

### CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

**Constitution and By-laws:** Miss Eleanor Drake, Chm., Peebles Junior High School Library, Jackson; Mrs. H. L. Alford, Meridian Public Library, Meridian; Mrs. C. A. Doster, Board of Commissioners, Mississippi Library Commission, Durant; Miss Irene Graham, Rowland Medical Library, University Medical Center, Jackson; Mrs. Gertrude Rowzee, Hinds Junior College, Raymond.

### FEDERAL RELATIONS

**Federal Relations:** Miss Bettie Galyean, Chm., Northeast Regional Library, Corinth.

### HANDBOOK

**Handbook:** Mrs. E. Norvel Hudson, Chm., Olive Branch.

### LEGISLATIVE

**Legislative:** Mrs. Velma Taylor, Chm., Capital Area Regional Library, Raymond; Mr. E. W. Clinton, Trustee, Lincoln-Lawrence Regional Library, Brookhaven; Mrs. Walker Jones, Trustee, Neshoba County Library, Philadelphia; Miss Lucile Miller, Tombigbee Regional Library, West Point; Mrs. LePoint Smith, Bolivar County, Cleveland.

### MEMBERSHIP

**Membership:** Mrs. Beatricia Ford, Chm., Research Library, U. S. Army Engineer Waterways Experiment Station, Vicksburg; Miss Alberta Edmondson, Jackson City Schools, Jackson; Mrs. Edith Everett, Keesler Air Force Base Technical Library, Gulfport; Mrs. Elizabeth Garrett, Research Library, U. S. Army Engineer Waterways Experiment Station, Vicksburg; Miss Mary Love, Jackson City Schools, Jackson.

### NOMINATING

**Nominating:** Miss Anna Roberts, Chm., Mississippi Southern College Library, Hattiesburg; Miss Susie Bull, Columbus High School Library, Columbus; Mrs. Augusta Richardson, Northeast Regional Library, Corinth.

### RECRUITING

**Recruiting:** Mrs. Annie Bess Hinton, Chm., Mississippi Library Commission, Jackson; Miss Jonette Sanford, W. B. Roberts Memorial Library, Delta State College, Cleveland; Mrs. H. L. Thompson, Louisville; Mr. Thomas Tullos, Library, University of Mississippi, University.

### SCHOLARSHIP

**Scholarship:** Miss Bethany Swearingen, Chm., Millsaps College Library, Jackson; Miss Helen Cecil, Jackson Municipal Library, Jackson; Mr. Dan Kelly, Trustee, Greenwood-Leflore Public Library, Greenwood; Mrs. Jane V. Ramsey, Jackson Public Schools, Jackson; Miss Mary Sherard, Vicksburg Public Library, Vicksburg.

### STANDARDS AND PLANNING

**Standards and Planning:** Forrest Palmer, Chm., Mitchell Memorial Library, State College; Mrs. Lura Currier, Mississippi Library Commission, Jackson; Miss Nell Davis, Lauren-Rogers Library, Laurel; Miss Mary Love, Jackson City Schools, Jackson; Mr. George Thatcher, Trustee, Gulfport-Harrison County Library, Gulfport.

## Meet The MLA Section Officers . . .



Jones



Stanback



Howard



Nunan

Heading the public libraries section of MLA is Mrs. Gordon E. Jones (Julia Marie Mounger), assistant librarian and cataloger at Greenwood-Leflore Public Library. She was born in Port Gibson and is a graduate of M.S.C.W. with a B. A. degree in English. She attended high school in Indianola and has taken part in in-service training workshops in Jackson and at Ole Miss. Before marriage she was a teacher.

Mrs. Jones is a member of A.A.U.W., Great Books Discussion Group and the Delta Art Association. She writes a weekly column for the library in THE GREENWOOD COMMONWEALTH, "From the Book Shelves". She also alternates with Dorothy Hayes (librarian) on radio program DATE LINE GREENWOOD.

Miss Mary Ann Stanback, librarian at Hardy Junior High School, Jackson is chairman of the high school section of MLA. A native of Byhalia, Miss Stanback received her education at M.S.C.W., the University of Alabama and Louisiana State University. She was previously an elementary teacher.

Under civic activities Miss Stanback lists Wesleyan Guild and the Little Theatre. She is a member of A.L.A., M.L.A., S.E.L.A., M.E.A. and N.E.A. She was 1958-59 vice president of school librarians.

Chairman of the Special Library Section is Martha S. Howard, chief librarian, Veterans Administration Center Library, Jackson. Born in Kemper County, she received her education in the Meridian Public Schools, Belhaven College and the University of Alabama. She was previously employed as assistant librarian, Meridian Pub-

lic Library; Army Librarian, Camp Shelby, U. K. Base (England); Fort Bragg, N. C. and the Veterans Administration, Jackson.

She is a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and the National Federation of Federal Employees. Her professional activities include M.L.A., A.L.A. and the Medical Library Association.

The Rev. T. Russell Nunan, D. D. is chairman of the Trustees' Section of MLA. Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, Dr. Nunan was born in Atlanta, Ga., was educated at Davidson College, Davidson N. C.; Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Ga.; and Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va.

He is a member of the State Board of Directors of the Miss. Mental Health Association, a trustee of Stillman College, Tuscaloosa, Ala. and vice president of the Board of Bessie V. Taylor Home. He is also chairman of the Synod of Miss. Committee on Christian Education.

Mrs. Frank Oswalt, (Evelyn West) is chairman of the college section of M.L.A. Librarian at Copiah-Lincoln Junior College, Mrs. Oswalt was born in West Point. She received her library degree at Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn. and presently makes her home in Wesson.

She formerly taught in Hazlehurst Public Schools. She is a member of the Methodist Church, W.S.C.S., Y.W.C.A. Unit, American Legion Auxiliary, D.A.R., Wesson, Garden Club, Peripatetic Club, Central Miss Rose Society. Professionally Mrs. Oswalt is affiliated with Delta Kappa Gamma, M.E.A., M.L.A., and A.L.A. No picture of Mrs. Oswalt was available.

## Peggy Jane May Is Scholarship Winner

Miss Peggy Jane May, Collinsville, a student at Mississippi Southern College, Hattiesburg, is recipient of the \$300 scholarship offered by the Mississippi Library Association for study in library service at any accredited college in the United States.

After graduating from Collinsville High School as valedictorian of her class in 1956, she received a work scholarship at East Mississippi Junior College and took her Associate of Arts degree there in the spring of 1958.

Then she transferred to Mississippi Southern College where she is now working on her B. S. Degree with a major in library science.

In addition to her regular academic work, Miss May has been a student assistant in the English department of East Mississippi Junior College, an office worker for Lamar Franklin, Business Manager of Meridian Public Schools, and a student assistant in the library at Mississippi Southern. This summer she plans to work again with the Meridian Public School system, this time processing books for the new junior high school.

At East Mississippi Junior College she was editor of the yearbook "The Lion", president of the Baptist Student Union and Chairman of Women's Student Government. She was elected Miss E.M.J.C. She is a member of Delta Psi Omega and Phi Theta Kappa.

Miss May's selection was made by the Scholarship Committee of Mississippi Library Association, headed by Miss Bethany Swearingen of the Millsaps Library.

Responsibility walks hand in hand with capacity and power.

—J. G. Holland



### MLA Convention Plans

Registration for the MLA meeting in Jackson, Oct. 22-24 has been streamlined.

Ten days before convention time, MLA members will receive a letter containing room rates, a reservation card and a list of meals for which reservations will be necessary, with a place to indicate choices from the Heidelberg Hotel, convention headquarters. Sending in this information with a covering check, will eliminate much of the inevitable standing-in-line and will indicate expected attendance.

This year's program will observe MLA's 50th anniversary. Highlighting the evening program will be a buffet meeting Thursday and a banquet Friday.

Tentative speakers are: Dr. W. D. McCain, president, Miss. Southern College; Dr. J. S. Hartin, director of libraries, University of Miss.; Miss Pearl Sneed, librarian, Jackson Municipal Library; Dr. R. A. McLemore, president, Mississippi College; Dr. S. A. Brasfield, director, division of Instruction, Miss. Department of Education; and John Kenneth Cameron, assistant chief, reader services, Air University Library, Montgomery, Alabama.

### SLA Workshop

Thirty-seven librarians including Miss Eleanor Harkins, Mississippi membership chairman and Miss Bethany C. Swearingen, Mississippi board representative, attended the off-conference-year workshop of the Southeastern Library Association in Atlanta, March 6-7.

Projects in which SELA should participate in 1959-60 and plans for the next Biennial Conference to be in Asheville, N. C., October, 1960 were discussed. Miss Harkins was congratulated on increased Mississippi memberships. SELA now has 1316 paid members.

Mrs. Frances Neal Chaney, SELA vice-president and College and University Section chairman announced Forrest Palmer will edit a special issue of the *Southeastern Librarian* on problems of the small college library. Miss Swearingen will contribute an article on the Millsaps College library remodeling.

## 86th Congress Studies Bills Of Interest

Bills were presented in the 86th Congress relating to such diverse areas as depository libraries, surplus property and the Internal Revenue Code.

Of great importance to public libraries is H. R. 3867 which would grant public libraries the same benefits under the Internal Revenue Code that are available to colleges, universities and school libraries in regard to charitable contributions.

When the Code was revised in 1954, a new subsection was added to the section which relates to deductions allowed taxpayers, individuals as well as corporations, for contributions made to various charitable organizations. The section contains a general limitation on the taxpayers total contributions in a taxable year of 20% of the taxpayers adjusted gross income (gross income minus business expenses). The new subsection permits individual taxpayers (not corporations) an additional 10% of gross adjusted income (making the maximum 30%) if contributions are made to . . . educa-

tional institutions which maintain a regular faculty and normally have a regularly enrolled student body in attendance at the place where the educational activities are conducted. Public libraries are not included at the present time. Strong letters to members of the House Ways and Means Committee are essential.

Legislation to amend section 203 of the Federal Property and Administrative Service Act of 1949 to provide for the donation of surplus property to libraries has again been introduced. Letters to the Donable Property Subcommittee of the House Government Operations Committee are needed at this time.

Legislation was drafted, introduced by Representative Wayne Hays (D. Ohio), (H. R. 13140) and was passed by the House on June 25, 1958, too late for Senate action in the 85th Congress. Reintroduced in the 86th Congress as H. R. 519 and again passed by the House on March 18,

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the principal new provisions of the "Depository Library Act of 1959" are:

1. Each component of the Federal government shall furnish the Superintendent of Documents a list of its publications, except those required for official or strictly administrative use, which it issues outside the Government Printing Office. (Presently only those issued by the GPO are so listed).

2. These publications will be listed by the Superintendent of Documents and distributed by him to such depository libraries as select them. (Many of the documents issued outside the Government Printing Office are not now available through the depository system).

3. Additional depository libraries may be designated. The provision "that a total of not more than two such libraries, other than those specifically designated by law . . . may be designated within each area" would permit 515 new depositories to be created. (There are now approximately 570 depository libraries).

4. Regional depository libraries may be created. As many as two may be designated, although generally only one will be needed; in less populated areas one may serve two or more states. Such depositories shall agree to receive and retain at least one copy of all government publications, either in printed or microfacsimile form, and within the region served shall make its documents freely available on interlibrary loan and for reference service.

5. Only regional depository libraries must retain documents permanently. The other depositories may then dispose of government publications after five years. (Now all must retain the publications permanently unless given permission by the Superintendent of Documents to transfer or discard.)

6. The present requirement that libraries pay mailing costs on Federal publications received as depository libraries is removed.

The additional expense to the Federal Government of administering this legislation should be modest. Those who have studied the bill are of the opinion that in view of its contributions in the form of wider and more efficient distribution of government publications and its relief to depository libraries, the cost will be negligible.

Further information on any pending legislation may be had from your congressman, from the ALA Washington Office, the Mississippi Library Commission, or Miss Bettie Galyean, Northeast Regional Library, Corinth, Chairman of the Mississippi Federal Relations Committee.

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—Chesterfield

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR

### THE BAKER'S DOZEN

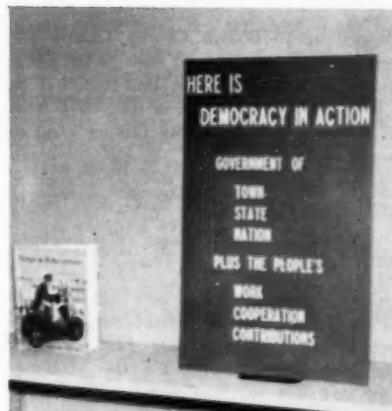
From one of the Mississippi Library Commission's youngest correspondents came a letter which read in part, and in spelling: "Please help us. We need a library two." "Please help us. We need a library two."

His letter has been answered for him and for 103,373 other Mississippians since January 1, 1959 not with "library two" but with "library thirteen."

Thirteen may be unlucky for the superstitious but it's very lucky for the intellectually curious since the thirteen new libraries provide books and other reading materials to citizens in nine of the towns for the very first time in attractive, colorful surroundings and in four of the towns in new and greatly improved quarters.

Where are these new libraries located? They are all over Mississippi from the rich black Delta lands on the river over to the red clay hills and on down into the dark green southern forests. People all over the state are interested in having library service where there is none or better service where necessity forced more penurious beginnings in other days. The thirteen new "retail outlets" range in size from the growing, prosperous city of Cleveland to the small, growing—and also prosperous—town of Seminary. They are in big counties and little ones—big ones like Bolivar and Hinds, small ones like Covington and Calhoun. They are in new industrial towns like Bruce and in old towns with the rich historical background of gracious living that is Rosedale.

Healthy, friendly and vigorous rivalry between towns joined forces with the modern availability concept of library service to result in 2 of the service centers being in Calhoun County, 5 in Bolivar and 3 in Covington. Already parts of thorough-going library systems, Pickens and Utica also belong to the "we want libraries as nice as



... school of activity. Of the thirteen new libraries only Water Valley is alone in a country and plans have been underway since the start for reading facilities in their neighboring towns of Oakland and Coffeeville. Next issue of MLN will undoubtedly see Yalobusha's library family grow to 3 and Bolivar County's to 8!

How are these libraries housed? Knowing that first emphasis in modern library service is on service and materials rather than on buildings, one could well ask: "What sort of quarters are these libraries in?" They range from the tiny converted filling station in Pickens to the 140 feet long store building in Cleveland. Three towns redecorated their city halls and made them beauty spots as well as reading centers: Merigold, Bruce and Shaw. The room in the courthouse which houses the library in Rosedale has been decorated in gay colors complete with new shelving, floor covering and furniture and adequate lighting. Downtown store buildings have placed the libraries among other merchandising enterprises in Collins, Shelby, Mt. Olive, Utica, Calhoun City and Seminary.

#### Cleveland

All more lofty motives for improving library quarters were augmented in Cleveland by a dare. While visiting the beautifully renovated town hall quarters of the Merigold Library, a citizen of Cleveland

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slipped up to Bolivar County Library Director Lepoint Smith and said: "I bet you'll never be able to make that building in Cleveland look as pretty as this." The staff of the new Bolivar County Library went to work on "that building." It was combined community effort that did it. Cleveland has claim to a library "first" since surely it is the first town to have a library equipped before it is built. It happened this way: The Woman's Club in Cleveland had worked for years for a new library. Sufficient funds were not forthcoming. Wanting library service without further delay, the club voted to provide the shelving. One day, not too long perhaps from now, when a new library is constructed, this top quality shelving will already be on hand. The cart before the horse? Perhaps so, but the horse is pushing rapidly and good ground is being covered. The dare? Well, the loser was very gracious about it; in fact, he denoted his labor and profit for the floor covering, thereby bringing about his own defeat on the wager.

#### Water Valley

It remained for Water Valley to come up with the "most" in library quarters. Coincidence had left the city with an abandoned fire station at the same time citizens were rallying interest in public library service. "Would that building do, if it were remodeled?" asked the town officials. Would it do? Right in the heart of town, on main street, with no restricting walls and an open front? Would it! So successful was the adaption to library purposes, so extensive was the remodeling, and so "just right" the decoration that it would take close examination to tell that it wasn't constructed for a modern public library in the first place.

The energetic, get-up-get-it-done Mayor Perkins of Water Valley called: "Is there any reason, Mrs. Currier, that the Western Union office cannot be in the library and the same person serve as telegrapher and librarian?" Not that we knew of, so a Mississippi library was off on a new approach to the problem of too little pay for a librarian and too short hours of service for

the public. We do not know how the messages are getting through but the books are getting out.

**Who supports these libraries and how?**  
New libraries, must have strong foundations. Upon what are these built?

#### Bolivar County

The new units in Bolivar County are part of the countywide system inaugurated in October, 1958 by the Bolivar County Board of Supervisors. Arrangements with each town includes furnishing of quarters and utilities by the town officials, with the county funds taking care of the operation in regard to book stock, supervision, salaries, promotion and general services expense.

#### Covington County

When Covington County Board of Supervisors levied a one mill tax for participation in the Pine Forest Regional Library last October it was with the understanding that permanent service would be available in each of the three towns of Collins, Mt. Olive and Seminary. All three libraries were formally opened at one time and April 11 was really "library day" in Covington County. This was surely a "first", too, as a caravan of visitors drove from one town to the other to help the local people dedicate their new libraries. The Home Demonstration clubs of Covington County who had campaigned so successfully earlier for the inauguration of service played the role of hostess in each town and reading had a big day in Covington County. It has continued to have big days ever since as the circulation has exceeded all expectations and the shelves continue to empty faster than Regional Director Jean Lyon can get them filled.

#### Hinds County

Library service had been a standing order in Utica through the small station facilities in the city clerk's office (Mrs. R. V. Currie) and large space in the city clerk's heart since the beginning of the Hinds County Library. Utica townspeople asked more extensive facilities and the city officials promptly secured a downtown store location. On formal opening day, Utica was

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honored with a visit from Miss Evelyn Mullen, consultant with the U. S. Office of Education who is administering the funds from the Library Services Act.

#### Calhoun County

"We don't want any speeches about the value of library service; we already know that or we wouldn't be here. What we want from you is to tell us how to get a library." The Director of the Library Commission had her orders. Bruce had spoken. It was February—right in the middle of everybody's budget year. No local money; no state funds allocated specifically to that area. A check on the attendance at the Bruce meeting revealed that people were there from Calhoun City and they wanted a library, too. The only thing worse than one library without any money is two. But they began working and we began adding and scraping. It couldn't be done but together we did it, anyway. On April 19 Bruce had its formal opening; on May 3 Calhoun City had theirs. How? It all happened so fast and there was remarkable community spirit and cooperation from all sides as Calhoun County hurriedly erased itself from the list of counties without library service. Campaigning is already underway for a tax millage this fall to enter a regional library. A list of acknowledgments would almost be the census reports of the two communities headed by names such as June Murphee, the young newspaperwoman whose dream of library service for her county was stimulated by library training along with journalism at MSCW during her college days; school teachers like Mrs. Willis and Mrs. Adams who have first hand knowledge of the need for library service; industrialist W. R. Williams of the Calhoun Garment Company who donated the first year's rent on a building to house the Calhoun City unit; the power company who gave the beautiful light fixtures for Bruce; the interested citizens who agreed to serve on the Boards of Trustees and then proceeded to roll up their sleeves and assist Field Representative Vaughn in getting the service underway; the faithful volunteers who

are operating the libraries without remuneration until there are sufficient funds for salaries; and fireball Mayor C. A. Riley of Bruce who journeyed over half of North Mississippi inspecting new libraries to make sure that Bruce's became as nice as any of them. It did.

**How could all this happen in Mississippi?** Interested citizens, of course, are at the bottom of it all. Their efforts have been crowned with greater and more immediate success, however, by the substantial help which the Library Commission can give with the funds from the Library Services Act.

"You are starting out where it has taken us 15 years to get," is the way a visitor from Panola County summarized the impact of the Library Services Act as she rejoiced with Water Valley over the better days and remembered with many of us the leaner ones.

### Bridgitte L. Kenny Authors ALA Study

Mrs. Bridgitte L. Kenny, formerly a staff member of the Mississippi Library Commission and now Readers' Advisor, Northwestern University, has recently completed a study on **Cooperative Centralized Processing** which will be published in June by the American Library Association. The 112 page study was based on the cooperative efforts of 10 Missouri libraries in 1957.

### Staff Members Attend ALA Conclave

Three members of the Mississippi Library Commission staff attended the 78th Annual Conference of the American Library Association held in Washington, D. C. June 21 to 27th. They are: Mrs. Lura G. Currier, MLC director and president of the Public Library Association; Miss Mary Love, MLC associate director; and Mrs. Esther Vaughn, field representative.

As retiring president of the Public Library Association, Mrs. Currier presided over the June 26th morning session and conducted installation services for the new officers.

## THE WELCOME MAT

Mary Love will be the Associate Director of the Mississippi Library Commission after June 1. Miss Love is currently serving as ALA Councilor for the Mississippi Library Association, and is immediate past president of MLA. She brings to the Commission wide library experience including 3 summer's work in campaigning for local support with the Commission while on vacation from her position as field librarian in the Jackson public schools.

Beginning October 1 the field staff of the Commission will be further strengthened by the addition of Evelyn Tackett as field representative. Miss Tackett is currently in graduate library school at Emory University where she will receive her master's degree in August. A former teacher and one-time staff member of the W. A. Percy Memorial Library at Greenville, Miss Tackett is a native Mississippian, the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Tackett, now of Ackerman.



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## Through The Schools . . .

By

Mrs. Mary Emma Smith

At the American Library Association for the American Association of School Libraries, March 1-5, in Cincinnati, Ohio, the library instructional material for the Yazoo City High School Library was on display at the request of the chairman of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development of AASL.

The new library room at Linn High School Doddsville, is a credit to the school, says Mrs. W. S. Gatewood. The blond and blue color scheme is carried out in the furniture with the solid blue stacks. Many new reference books and maps have been added. At Mrs. Gatewood's request, the set of *BEST BOOKS OF THE WESTERN WORLD* was presented to the new library by the Mellon Foundation. A separate shelving of Mississippi materials is being set up. Librarian, Mrs. W. A. Gatewood, has attended the workshop at Mississippi Southern for the past two years.

The article "Southern Literature" by Linfield Miller, librarian, Satartia High School, Satartia, which appeared in the December issue of *MISSISSIPPI LIBRARY NEWS*, will be published in *JUNIOR LIBRARIES*. Linfield received a request for the article this month.

Mrs. Warren Smith (Mary Emma) of Yazoo City High School and MLN reporter urges all schools interested in the Traveling Science Library to apply now to the American Association for the Advancement of Science, 1515 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W., Washington, 5, D. C.

Raymond High School in collaboration with Capital Area Regional Library proves cooperation makes good library services. At Raymond High School, a beautifully equipped library is part of the new building. Mrs. W. Hampton King, librarian, supplements the book collection with other volumes from the Capital Area Regional Library bookmobile. For special reference and guidance materials not owned by the school, Mrs. King sends students to the

### MLA School Library

#### Officers Named

Officers for the School Library Section

### *School Libraries*

of Mississippi Library Association are always elected at the annual meeting of Mississippi Education Association. For the current year they are: President, Mary Ann Stanback, Jackson; Vice-president, Mabel Gaston, Greenville; Secretary & Treasurer, Mrs. Doye Dickey, Laurel.



Miss Elizabeth Reynolds, Leland High School librarian was honored at a recent PTA meeting with an oil portrait which will be hung in the high school library. Miss Reynolds who will retire this June, has 31 years service at Leland High School. She came to Leland as librarian in 1924 and except for the years 1949 to 1953 when she was in Memphis, she has served in that capacity.

regional library or comes, herself, after school hours. Bookmobile service is given to 23 schools in the Capital Area Region which includes Hinds, Rankin, Scott and Simpson counties.

## Student Library Assistants Hold Meetings

Student Library Assistants throughout the state have been holding spring meetings during the past month.

District Five Library Assistants of Mississippi heard Miss Nellie Ford Smith speak on "The Importance of the Ability to use the Tools of the Library" at their meeting in the new Mississippi College library at Clinton, April 11. Vice president Mary Ann Humphries, Yazoo City, presided over the meeting in the absence of president Neil Hall of Canton. Schools represented included Yazoo City, Flora, Clinton, Sartaria and Hardy Junior High, Jackson. The fall meeting will be held in Jackson, October 8th.

District Six Library Assistants of Mississippi approved a constitution similar to the state SLAM at their business session at the University of Mississippi Library, April 2nd. New officers elected are: Terry Hudson, Byhalia, president; Rita Davis, Horn Lake, vice-president; Jo Ann Alexander, Holly Springs, secretary; and, Pete Moseley, Sardis, reporter. Special recognition was given the Junior High Club from Holly Springs. Sykes Hartin, director of libraries, was featured speaker and told of the origins of communication with particular interest on printing. Sponsors of the student groups included: Mrs. Grace Gatewood, Horn Lake; Mrs. Evelyn Langston, Olive Branch; Mrs. J. B. Going, Byhalia; Miss Sue Coltharp, Holly Springs and Miss Corrie Bunch, Sardis.

Miss Estelle Sexton, Perkinston Junior College librarian served as hostess for the District Seven Library Assistants of Mississippi meeting at Perkinston Junior College, April 4. Mrs. Ibert Fletcher, Long Beach librarian, is sponsor of Region Seven. Bill Welborn, Pascagoula, is president and Jimmy Major, Long Beach is vice president. Miss Rita Jennings of Moss Point is president of the Librarians' group of Region Seven.

The Library Clubs of Region Eight held their spring meeting March 6 with Myrtle High School as host. Theme of the program was "The Revival of the Classics". New officers elected were: Johnnie Vance of Myrtle, president; Jo Carnell, New Albany, vice-president; and Joan Thomas, Center High School secretary. Schools represented included: Ashland, Center, Baldwyn, New Albany, Myrtle, and Tippah Union.

### Plan To Go . . .

Annual School Library Workshop — June 14-19, Mississippi Southern College in cooperation with the State Department of Education. Topic: "Library Resources - Audio-Visual Materials". Miss Anna Roberts and the School Library Supervisor will direct the workshop.

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—Emerson

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## Greenwood Girl Wins State Science Fair

By

Linda Layne Williford  
Greenwood High School

I was very glad when I was asked to write this article because it gives me the opportunity to express my deep appreciation to the National Association for the Advancement of Science Library I know that I speak for students all over the country who have used this invaluable collection of books. We all join in sincerely thanking the association.



On Monday, May 4th, I flew to Hartford, Conn., for one week, with all expenses paid to the 10th National Science Fair. There I represented the State of Mississippi. I could have not won this trip without the aid of the Science Library, which gave me the necessary information and inspiration to complete my science project, which is entitled Projectiles and the Moon.

I most wholeheartedly urge everyone to take advantage of this wonderful store of knowledge in the Traveling High School Science Library. Become acquainted with the sparkling world of chemistry, the vast world of astronomy, and the promising world of atomic physics, in which lie the very secrets of creation. Learn about scientists, the benefactors of humanity, and doctors who battle with death itself. Learn to love science, which is a synonym for knowledge, the mother of wisdom, the gift of Solomon. Through the Traveling High School Science Library, strive to wonder, to ask, to learn, and most of all, to understand.

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Teachers and students alike are enjoying using the Traveling Science Library at Leflore County High School, Itta Bena. This program, now in its fourth year, is administered by the American Association for the Advancement of Science at the request of the National Science Foundation which provides an annual grant for its support.



Bruce High School science instructor, Mrs. W. R. Hardy and her Science Club choosing books from the Traveling Science Library for special reports. Mrs. James R. Willis is librarian at Bruce High School. Not only science classes but other departments have used the books for book reports, term papers, speeches and fact questions. The selected list of career guidance materials have been used to guide students in choosing careers.



Leland High School students enjoying books in the Traveling Science Library with the help of their librarian, Mrs. Cascio, are: standing, left to right: Don Aldridge, Mrs. Cascio, Dick Manning; seated: Pam Carolla, Mary Grace Harmon, Ann Woolly. "By the time I get the books unpacked," laughs Mrs. Cascio, "half of them are already checked out." The seniors pictured above who were writing term papers, found material on such subjects as witchcraft, anesthetics, The Mayan Civilization, The Cheops, and the milky way. Dick Manning, pictured above, won an all-expense trip to Hartford, Conn. for the Science Fair. His project won District Sweepstakes and second place in the state.



The lounge area of the new H. V. Cooper High School Library at Vicksburg displays the Traveling Science Library posters. Mrs. Annabelle Koonce Crowther, librarian, says that having such a collection enables her and other teachers to examine the books and decide which ones appeal to students before spending their money for them.



Planning and making projects for the Science Fair was made much easier through the Traveling Science Library at Picayune High School. Here students Robert McRaney, Diana Jo Bilbo, Nancy Davis, and Don McRaney make their selection for book reports. Not only have the science books been used extensively for scientific subjects but have proved valuable for book reports in English courses. Geraldine S. Jenkins is school librarian.

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## Libraries Wage "Wake Up and Read" Campaign

Projects ranging from coffees to counter-cards, from dedications to displays emphasized National Library Week in libraries throughout the state.

Throughout Mississippi extensive "Wake Up and Read" campaigns were waged in school, public, college and special libraries. Space does not permit a full report of all the activities but the scope of the statewide undertaking can be judged by mentioning a few.

New libraries were opened during National Library Week in Bruce, Collins, Mt. Olive and Seminary. At Tupelo dedication was held for a new library annex.

At Vicksburg an art exhibit was held in the Vicksburg Public Library. Over 100 paintings were represented from over 60 local artists. In Kosciusko adults and children displayed their hobbies in a special showing at the library. A flower show had been held just a few weeks previously.

Newton Public Library offered a collection of records for the blind received through the Louisiana State Library, Dept. for the blind. These "talking books" were made available for the first time. At Grenada County Library, too, "Talking Books" was the subject of an exhibit at the library and a talk before the Lions Club.

Many libraries held "Open House" and "Coffee Hours" during National Library Week. A few included: Durant, Crystal Springs, Hazlehurst, Macon, Brookhaven, Monticello and Philadelphia.

Throughout Mississippi librarians talked with newspaper reporters and told them of their activities and achievements in the local libraries.

Newspaper publicity, radio spot announcements, displays in downtown businesses and at churches, reminded people that it was indeed time to "Wake Up and Read".

At Picayune a minister gave a radio talk on "Library Aids in Christian Education". And at Macon, Sunflower, Brooksville, Booneville and elsewhere librarians talked before civic clubs.

In Meridian The Lauderdale Co. Women's Division of the Miss. Farm Bureau presented the library with three books for the Freedom Bookshelf.

Harriette Person Memorial Library at Port Gibson held a discussion group on "Nobel Prize" winners. Jackson Municipal Library presented "Wake Up and Read" bookmarks to its patrons. Copiah County

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Delta State College held an "At Home" Tea in the library in recognition of National Library Week. At the left Alice Sullivan of Port Gibson and Arla Dickson of Tippo study the process through which each library book must go before it is ready for distribution. This was one of several interesting exhibits. At right, Myrtle Vivian Abels, a junior majoring in Home Economics, examines photographs of fashions popular fifty years ago. This display in the library was part of the Art Department's exhibit in the current program leading up to Library Week.



At Pass Christian, National Library Week was celebrated in the schools with an assembly program, "What's My Name". At left librarian John Caudill with Joan Sprayberry and Pat Shoemaker make last minute plans. At right John Caudill awards the first prize, a copy of **THREE MUSKETEERS** to Robert Demetz and second prize, **WURTHING HEIGHTS** to Diane Ladner for knowing the most answers to the literary questions.

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Library at Hazlehurst began book service to hospital patients.

In all the colleges National Library Week was observed. M.S.C.W. library science students visited neighboring libraries in Macon and Brooksville. Delta State College featured exhibits of books from all departments of the college and held an "At Home" tea.

Elementary and high schools devoted much time to the observance of the Week. In Jackson, public school students made "Wake Up and Read" displays. Throughout the state students and teachers visited the libraries. At Sardis, seventh grade students held "open house" to exhibit Mississippiana.

In most areas children's story hours and young people's discussion groups were held.

Special libraries, too, played an important role in "National Library Week" celebrations. Special displays, open houses, extra written and verbal publicity were the order of the day.

Efforts on the part of every Mississippi librarian made "Wake up and Read" a by-word in Mississippi homes. As a result of this second National Library Week, Mississippi librarians can truly say they are doing their part to encourage a "Better-Read, Better-Informed" America.

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VA Center Library, Jackson, Mississippi, has poster on main corridor bulletin board which attracted the interest of both patients and hospital personnel during National Library Week.



Two adult displays and three junior displays were made for National Library Week at City-County Memorial Library, Bay St. Louis. Here four books with publicity about the author, Miss Olwen Lawton, an English visitor here, are displayed. Miss Lawton is now writing articles for the London Tattler and other English periodicals on the city of New Orleans.

# Around The Libraries

## Tallahatchie Co.

A unique Easter Egg Story hour was attended by 71 excited and puzzled children who heard stories and saw magic tricks on the day before Easter. Attractive decorations and refreshments were furnished by Mrs. Sara Dickson, Librarian, and Mrs. Garland Clark, Assistant Librarian.

## Holmes Co.

Holmes Co. Library, Durant, has received a new desk and chair, several new stacks for books and pretty furniture for a reading nook.

Pickens Library has moved into new quarters. A brick filling station in the center of town was recently purchased by the Mayor and Board of Alderman and converted into the Library. The walls are a pastel green with floor of grey inlaid linoleum. A local women's club presented the library with a new modern clock and venetian blinds.

A new \$16,000 building for Lexington Public Library will be constructed as soon as all preliminary plans are completed.

Holmes County Library has five branches - Pickens, Goodman, Lexington, Tchula and West with reading centers at Emory and Coxburg. A reading center will be established in Ebenezer this month.

## City-County Memorial Library

### Bay St. Louis

City-County Memorial Library has been the scene for an antique lamp exhibit, part of the Pilgrimage Program, and for a class by Miss Louise Crawford, retired librarian, in Book Binding for Scout Merit Badges. In March Librarian Katherine Wilson and Miss Crawford were responsible for the first Review which was a talk on the Middle East, in April for a Review of the Broadway play, "Uncle Harry".

## Capital Area Regional-Raymond

All books for remedial reading are being marked on the spine of the book with colored tape according to grade reading levels. Teachers in the Capital Area Region are being informed about summer reading programs, both remedial and incentive, with

representatives from each school forming a counseling group.

## Lincoln-Lawrence Regional Library

## Public Libraries

Mrs. Alice Ree Cupit has replaced Mrs. Dorothy Cotten as bookmobile driver and clerical assistant in the Lincoln-Lawrence Regional Library. The bookmobile has a new coat of green paint and is air-conditioned, thanks to Mrs. J. F. Vernon, a member of the board of trustees.

## Sunflower Public

Welcome additions at Sunflower Public Library are an air-conditioner and a telephone.

## Mid-Mississippi Regional Library

Kosciusko first, second and third graders yearly visit Mid-Mississippi Regional Library where they hear a story told by a staff member, see the bookmobile and are told of the summer reading club program.

The 20th Century Club held its second annual tea and art exhibit honoring Attala artists on May 15 at the Mid-Mississippi Regional Library. In the newly decorated library, the art show was so successful last year, that it is to be an annual affair.

## Northeast Regional

The director of Northeast Regional Library, Mrs. Augusta Richardson, has spoken to every organization in Booneville and Prentiss county averaging two talks per week for the past two months. She wants everyone to know about library services! A publicity campaign has also been waged through newspapers, and radio.

The library in Corinth continues to be used as a community center for all types of groups and organizations. The Baldwyn and Belmont libraries have been redecorated and the Tishomingo library has moved into bigger and more attractive quarters.

## Greenwood-Leflore Public

The Greenwood-Leflore Public Library and the Greenwood Branch of AAUW are

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This historical marker was recently dedicated in Aberdeen to Dr. W. A. Evans, founder of the Evans Memorial Library.

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co-sponsoring a project in teaching reading and writing to a group of adults. AAUW members, Mrs. James McEachern and Mrs. Dan Kelly are teaching three nights a week; the library is furnishing the quarters and paying the expense of Mrs. McEachern's special training. Students are five adults—four from Greece and one from Italy who have come to the U. S. recently.

An Adult Discussion Group in Philosophy will start in June with Dr. John M. Alford, Jr., leader of the group.

#### Noxubee County

Shuqualak Public Library will have a new asphalt tile floor.

Ada Sessions Fant, Memorial Library at Macon has received a gift of \$50 to be used toward an air conditioner.

#### Picayune Public

The Picayune Public Library has just completed its sixth season of conducting

a Reading Program in cooperation with the schools for grades 4 through 8. 233 certificates were awarded to those reading at least 10 books.

#### Montgomery County

Additional space is being made at the Montgomery County Library in Winona by cutting a new door and transforming the cloak room into a Juvenile Department.

#### Evans Memorial—Aberdeen

A historical marker honoring Dr. W. A. Evans, donor of the Evans Memorial Library was dedicated on April 18. Special visitors were H. H. Evans, brother of Dr. Evans of Charlottesville, Va. and a niece, Mrs. Jane Evans Smythe of California.

The Aberdeen federated clubs held a joint meeting at the library recently with Mrs. Lura Currier, Director, MLC, Miss Evelyn Day Mullens library extension specialist from the U. S. Office of Education and Miss Lucile Miller, director of the Tombigbee Regional Library as speakers.

Third and fourth graders have been receiving training in the use of the card file in the children's room. The library developed its own plan known as "Find It Fun" to teach children. One youngster in the learning stage remarked with face aglow that he knew where the "sinus" (science) books were located!

The Dahlia Club, with 65 entries, held a flower show in the library recently.

#### First Regional

Sixth grade students shared their United Nations projects with Sardis Women's Club members and gave a most informative program at the Sardis Public Library in April.

Books on flower arrangement from First Regional Collection were used on display at the Como Flower Show in April.

First Regional Library was well represented at the area Trustees meeting in Water Valley. Attending were: Jack Hudspeth, director and member of the State Library Board of Trustees; Mrs. Hazel Shelton, first regional library board member; Mrs. J. G. Nelson, member of the Panola County Board; Mrs. Ruth Ballen-

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Accepting a volume, "Early History of the Southeastern States" for the Robert D. Holt Memorial Shelf of the Batesville Branch of the First Regional Library is Mrs. Bess W. Hawken (second from left), assistant director of the First Regional Library. Hugh Stanfill, manager of Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company's Grenada office, made the presentation on behalf of the company. Mrs. J. G. Nelson, Panola County trustee of the library (left) and Mrs. R. T. Riser, member of the board of the library, witnessed the presentation.

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tine, member of the Sardis Public Library Board; Mrs. Carolyn Smith, Como Public Library; Mrs. Mary Aiken, Sardis Public Library and Mrs. Bess Hawken, assistant director.

## Laurel Film Society Meets In Library

The Lauren Rogers Library and Museum of Art at Laurel has been reorganizing to make room for the Film Society which this year has a membership of 100. Features shown have included "Mr. Hulot's Holiday", "The Detective", "Tight Little Island", and "Ballet Concert". These are foreign films which have not previously been shown in Laurel.

### NOTICE

The Mississippi Library Commission needs extra copies of Volume 22, Number 1, March, 1958 issues of Mississippi Library News. If you have an extra copy, would you please forward it?

## Great Books Discussion Groups Growing

The Great Books program is enjoying a steady growth throughout Mississippi. At present Great Books discussion groups are being sponsored by libraries and civic groups in: Shelby, Clarksdale, Brookhaven, Natchez, Laurel and Tupelo.

The Great Books discussion program is America's largest program of adult liberal education. It is community sponsored with the assistance of the Great Books Foundation, a non profit organization, founded in 1947 to foster self education by adults through group discussion of books dealing with the basic, enduring issues of mankind.

In the Great Books discussion program, groups of 20 or more adults meet regularly to discuss under two trained leaders the Great Book selection which has been read by the entire group in advance.

The oldest Great Books group is in Natchez and is now finishing its 6th year readings.

Success is making hay with the grass that grows under the other fellow's feet.  
—Anonymous

# Beaumont Public Library Is Flourishing



By

**Mrs. Laura O. Payne, Librarian**

Hello, from Beaumont Public Library, in Perry County, one of the Pine Forest Libraries. We are sending you two pictures, taken at our "Coffee Break" during National Library Week. The camera was too small to get the whole picture, but could only take small views.

The librarian is standing at corner of shelves, facing the camera in one picture and is looking down at desk in another, Mrs. Edward Mathis, library board member for this beat, is holding her granddaughter in her arms. Mrs. E. E. Davis is assisting in pouring coffee. Mr. Homer Boutwell, druggist, is drinking coffee, and seated at the desk, registering, is Mrs. James Howell. We had quite a crowd all afternoon, but did not have large camera.

As you see, our library is a part of the City Hall, the counter dividing it. 'Tis a lovely building, with neon lights and air-conditioning. We have about 350 signed members, and Book Circulation last month was 733, which is average. Our school is very cooperative, using our library as a supplement to theirs. During library Week, Mrs. P. L. McIntosh, English teacher and school librarian, brought all the classes of High School over, and also the Library Club and Commercial Class.

Beaumont has about 1200 people, plenty

## Northeast Regional Has Talking Books

The Northeast Regional Library has seven Talking Machines in operation and three more being sent; Tippah County will have five, Alcorn County three and Prentiss County two. Last fall one was secured for twins in Booneville; they were in the first grade but could not continue in school. With the Talking Book Machine they have been able to keep up with their grade. The Pilot Club of Corinth co-sponsors this project with the library.

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Gratitude is a double barreled blessing. It blesses the one that gives as well as the one who receives.

—Anonymous

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industry, and the biggest payroll in Perry County. Also has street lights and garbage pick-up. Also, is proud of its library. And as librarian, I sincerely love the work, and here is a true story to prove it: A farmer asked a friend of mine if she thought I would serve on an Election on a certain day and she replied, "I don't know, that Library is her first love." He said, "Don't I know it. I've practically lost a crop because my children want to read all the time."



Recent speakers at the federated clubs meeting in Evans Memorial Library, Aberdeen, were Mrs. Lura Currier (center), Director, Miss. Library Commission and Miss Evelyn Day Muller, (right), library extension specialist, U. S. Office of Education. With them is Miss Lucile Miller (left), director of the Tombigbee Regional Library.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. L. B. Broome, librarian at Shelby Memorial Library, Columbia, who died April 11.

## First Regional Receives Real Estate Books

The Northwest Real Estate Association has presented two books to the First Regional Library. The books presented are "Farm Appraisal" by W. G. Murray and "Questions and Answers on Real Estate" by Robert W. Semenow. The Northwest realtors plan to present the library two books annually.

It is just as well that Justice is blind; she might not like some of the things done in her name if she could see them.

—Anonymous

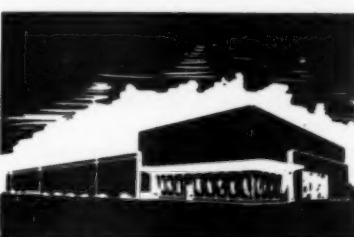
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# Mrs. Etta Pace Wins Philip Wylie Award

By

By Virginia C. Robinson

Mrs. Etta E. Pace, assistant librarian at M.S.C.W. received the coveted Philip Wylie Award at Tallahassee, Florida, May 11th. She was chosen by the Faculty of the Library School of Florida State University as the member of the graduating class of 1958 with the most promise of success in librarianship. The award cited her for "distinguished achievement as evidenced by high scholarship, sincerity, service, leadership, dependability, integrity, and helpfulness to fellow students". A key and a scroll, autographed by Philip Wylie in person, were presented to the winner at a special convocation.

Mrs. Pace, a past president of the M.S.C.W. Alumnae Association, received her Master's degree in library science from Florida State University last summer. Her thesis was a bio-bibliography of Hodding Carter, Mississippi editor and author. She and her family moved to Columbus from Cleveland, Mississippi last September when she became assistant librarian at her Alma Mater.

The M.S.C.W. librarian has been prominent in Mississippi circles as a collegian, a club woman, a civic leader, and a business woman, which enriches her background for librarianship. After graduation

from college in 1926, she attended Chicago University and later served as Registrar of Delta State College for eight years. Her many experiences have included leadership in the seed business, garden clubs, recre-

## College Libraries

tion centers, women's clubs, county welfare work, UDC, PTA, and church work, on state and local levels. Her personality and knowledge should mean much to Mississippi librarianship.

### William Carey College

Mrs. Ruth Dugan arranged two art exhibits in the library recently. A student display of paintings was followed by a one-man show by the well-known artist, Joan Farrar, now with the Associated Artists Studio in New Orleans. Miss Farrar is a graduate of the Chicago Art Institute, and also studied at the Fontainebleau School Fine Arts and at Louisiana State University. She has exhibited in Chicago, New York and New Orleans.

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Mrs. Etta E. Pace

Many people are said to be working on the problem of using the marvelous "thinking" calculators to translate foreign languages, but the complexity of the problem is illustrated by this translation made by mechanically selecting synonyms: "The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak," put into Russian, turned into a sentence that would be translated back correctly into "Vodka is ready, but meat's gone bad." from March 16 "Tee-Pee" of the Toledo Public Library, Toledo, Ohio. Quoted in LJ May 1, 1959 P. 1309.



The former Art building at Gulf Park College has been remodeled into an attractive home for the library. Back of the building is a courtyard with banana trees and a fountain. Miss Dorothy Milden says the courtyard will be used as an outdoor reading room to fit in with the college's emphasis on outdoor living and sports, such as swimming, water skiing, fishing and horseback riding.



A part of Green Hall at All Saints' College, Vicksburg, is being converted for the library. The Library Division, State Department of Education, has provided initial blueprints and leading library equipment firms are aiding in planning. The new facilities will increase space 3½ times and make provision for more than 10,000 volumes. At the left Pat Boyd, Brenda Mertins and Suzanne Lotis take an Art Lesson, at the right Carol Carvey, Sue Mertins and Sharon Trapp study Geography.

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They include the Daily Argus, April 8, 1862; Memphis Daily Appeal, Aug. 23, 1861, Jan. 25, 1857; and others.

## Wood Junior College Receives Collection

Mrs. Edward Lloyd, librarian, was the official delegate to the Mississippi Historical Society's annual meeting Hattiesburg, March sixth and seventh.

Chester W. Quimby, Professor of Religion and Philosophy, exhibited his collection of silhouettes, the product of his own unique hobby. A book by Neillie E. Quimby, "Beauty in black and white," and the tools of the art, added interest to the display.

The library has been fortunate recently in receiving useful gifts of books. Following the visit of Rabbi Adolf Philippson of Vicksburg as a speaker on the campus, the Jewish Chautauqua Society of New York presented eighteen volumes relating to Palestine, the Old Testament, and the Hebrews. As a Methodist College, Wood Junior College received its first biannual selection of books from the Abingdon Press, official Methodist publisher. And through the generosity of Dean Herbert Drennon of Mississippi State University, a large group of books rich in the fields of literature and language have been received.

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## **Medical Students Use VA Library**

The Veterans Administration Hospital, Gulfport, and the University Medical Center, Jackson, are now affiliated with senior medical students undertaking part of their training at the VA., according to Miss Kathryn Hanley. An average of five students rotate every three to six weeks and their course of training with psychiatric patients includes basic reading in the hospital's speciality, neurology and psychiatry. The medical library has a very definite part in the training of the students and participation is reflected in increased circulation.

## **Public Health Library Changes Quarters**

Miss Louise Williams and her staff, the State Department of Health Library, have moved into attractive new quarters in the Felix J. Underwood State Board of Health Building. No one, however, envies them the job they had cutting down more than 20,000 volumes scattered over the Old Capitol to a size that would fit their new home.

## **Special Libraries Hold Meeting**

The special libraries section of MLA held an informal meeting at the VA center

### **Special Libraries**

library, Jackson, with Mrs. Martha Howard, librarian, and Mrs. Ruth Baxter, assistant librarian, as hostesses.

Highlights of the meeting were a discussion of a speaker for the October luncheon and a report on the progress of the special libraries survey. A committee composed of Miss Irene Graham, Miss Louise Williams and Mrs. Howard was appointed to complete the survey.

Attending the meeting were: Miss Louise Williams, State Department of Health Library; Miss Irene Graham, Roland Medical Library, University Hospital; Mrs. Reba Sowell, Biloxi division, VA Center, Miss Marie Spivey, Mrs. Estelle Sigler, and Mrs. Elizabeth Garrett, Research Center Library, U. S. Army Engineer Waterways Experiment Station.

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Not shown but sharing equally in the publicity program are Mrs. Edith Everett, Technical Librarian, and Miss Beth Love, Triangle Branch Librarian.

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# TRUSTEE OR NUISANCE

By Daniel K. Kelly

Editor's note: It is with great pleasure that we publish the following article by

Daniel K. Kelly, trustee, Greenwood-Leflore Public Library, Greenwood. Dan Kelly has been a member of the Greenwood Library board for 12 years and was active in securing the new addition to the Greenwood - Leflore library. He has been a leader for adult discussion groups at the library for several years. Active in MLA, he was chairman of the first committee to award a scholarship.

If a trustee feels he is regarded as a necessary nuisance, put there because the law requires it, not that he is needed, it is his own fault, largely, because he does not perform his duties. Because service on a Library Board is an honorary position with no salary or other compensation, many trustees merely accept the honor, but fail to perform their duties, which, as set forth in the law, are important.

Section 6206 of the Mississippi Code of 1942 places upon the trustees the following duties; (1) adopt by-laws, rules and regulations for their own guidance and for the government of the library, (2) have the supervision, care and custody of all the property of the library, (3) employ a librarian, and on his recommendation, such other assistants as needed, prescribe their duties, fix their compensation, and remove them for a cause, (4) submit annually to the governing body a budget containing estimates for the ensuing year, (5) have exclusive control over the finances of the library, (6) accept such gifts of money or property for library purposes as they deem expedient, (7) on recommendation of the librarian purchase books, periodicals, maps and other supplies for the library, (8) do all other acts necessary for the orderly and efficient management and control of the library.

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Now, how many of the trustees of our local libraries perform these duties? How

## Trustees' Section

many attend meetings regularly and stay until all business has been transacted? How many trustees patronize the library, and read the books that they buy, or authorize the librarian to buy, or use the services it offers? How many trustees regularly visit the library and familiarize themselves with its operation?

Trustees must be good trustees. They should understand the distinction between policy, which is their responsibility, and administration which is the province of the librarian. Rather than suggesting the appointment of Mrs. Smith because she needs a job, or because the Mayor thinks she should have the job, the trustee should leave the employment of the staff to the librarian's judgment and stand between her and any political pressure that may be placed on her. Since she is responsible for the operation of the library, then she should select personnel.

The librarian selects the books, not the trustees. A trustee might recommend a specific book, and it is good for the trustees to know what books are bought so that they may be more knowledgeable about the library in talking to other people. But knowing what is being bought, should never make trustees censors, although the policies which govern the selection of books to be bought are a real part of the trustees' job.

There are some unwritten laws for trustees as well as the written law. The law provides that the trustees shall fix the compensation of the staff, and prepare a budget of funds needed. But the unwritten law is that the trustees should exert every effort to get the money needed so that proper salaries can be paid, and sufficient

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books and other supplies may be obtained. The entire board should appear before the governing authorities for budget hearings and should not leave these problems to the librarian alone, although it is her responsibility to provide for them the facts they will need for these meetings.

The trustees should advertise the library, should talk it at clubs, at church and at meetings, and even make speeches to point out the services the library offers.

The trustees must make the staff feel appreciated by telling them of compliments and recognizing outstanding work. To do this the trustee must know what is being done at the library, which means regular visits, not to direct, but to observe. And trustees should always be ready to give specific help and advice at the library, when it is requested.

Many of our libraries are inadequate, poorly housed, understaffed and poorly paid. This should be on the conscience of the trustees in such libraries and they should make strenuous efforts to correct it. Concerted efforts of trustees can build a climate of opinion which will provide proper quarters and increased budgets for more books and improved salaries. Through the joint action of the trustees and an enthusiastic staff, we have increased our circulation from 49,000 to 110,000 annually and provided new services from the library. Other libraries can do this if the trustees are trustees in the true meaning of the word.

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The best preparation for the future, is the present well seen to, the last duty well done.

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Tact comes as much from goodness of heart as from fineness of taste.  
—Endymion

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You cannot teach a man anything; you can only help him to find it in himself.  
—Galileo

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## Trustee Talk

Mrs. James Willaims has been appointed reporter by the Hazlehurst Board of Trustees. Another Hazlehurst trustee, Mrs. R. B. Zeller, will give art lectures this July in the library to a group of teen-agers. The course comes from the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.

Mrs. Horace G. Howell, secretary of the Evans Library Board, Aberdeen, was chosen Club Woman of the year by the Aberdeen Woman's Club. Mrs. Julian Evans, Evans Memorial Library board vice-chairman who constantly adds to the source material and the Mississippi Book Collection, assists in answering many of the historical requests which come to the library.

The Noxubee County Library system has reappointed its Board of Trustees. Chairman, Mrs. Boswell Stevens, was reappointed for five years.

Two Greenwood-Leflore trustees, Mrs. S. G. Mounier and Rev. Jones Hamilton, were recently pictured in a Greenwood newspaper. They were inspecting a new special-order bell, cast in Holland, and received by the Church of Nativity at Greenwood.

"Trustee versus librarian: A Relationship in Tension" is the intriguing title of an article by Jerome Cushman in the May ALA Bulletin. Mr. Cushman makes the point that "tension" properly is a mechanical term and is necessary for the good functioning of a machine—it does not mean "conflict" in his use of the term. Interesting reading for all trustees.

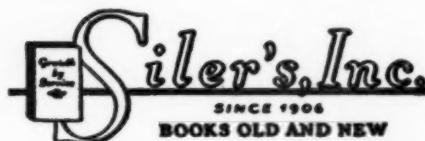
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